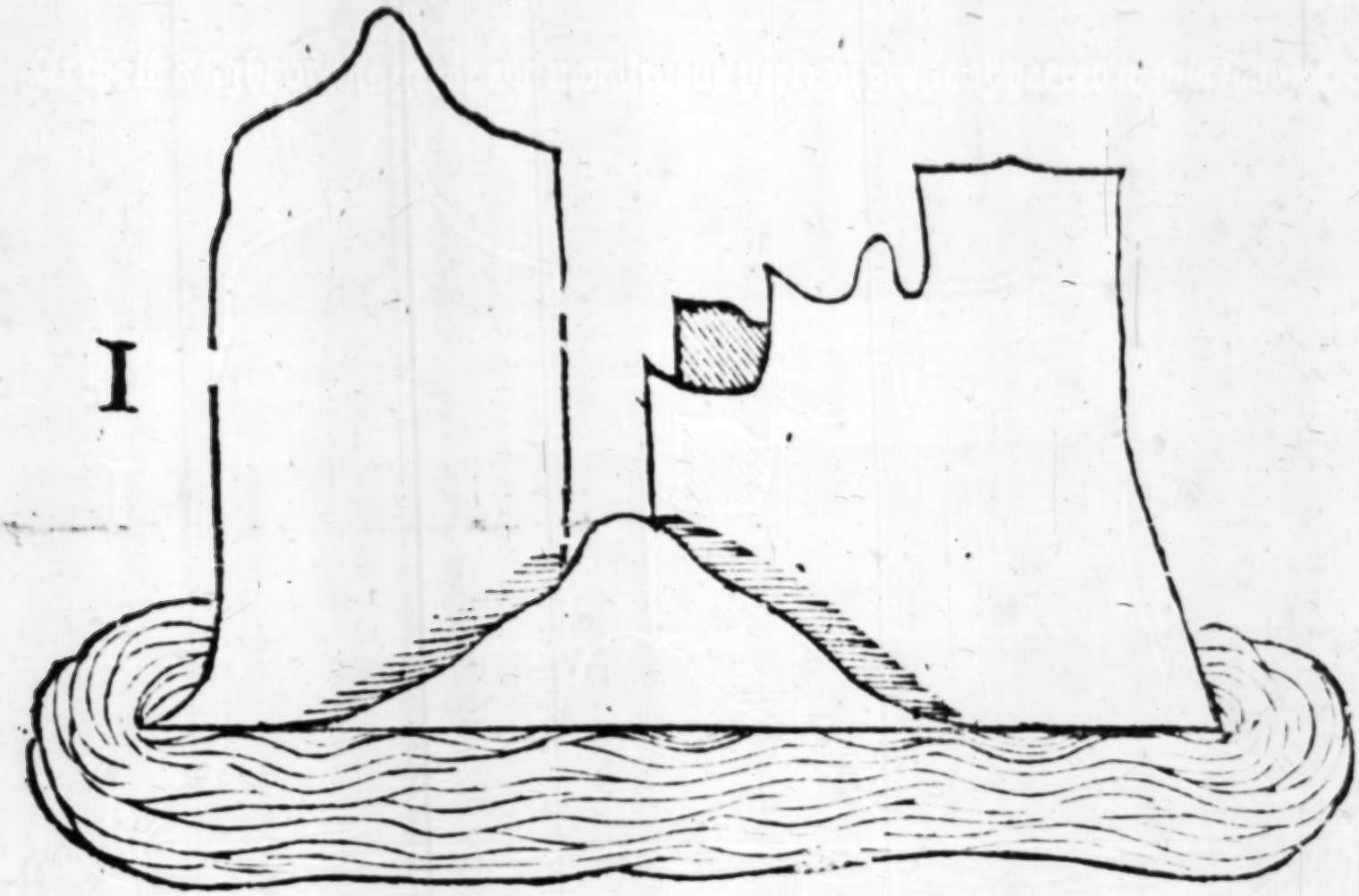
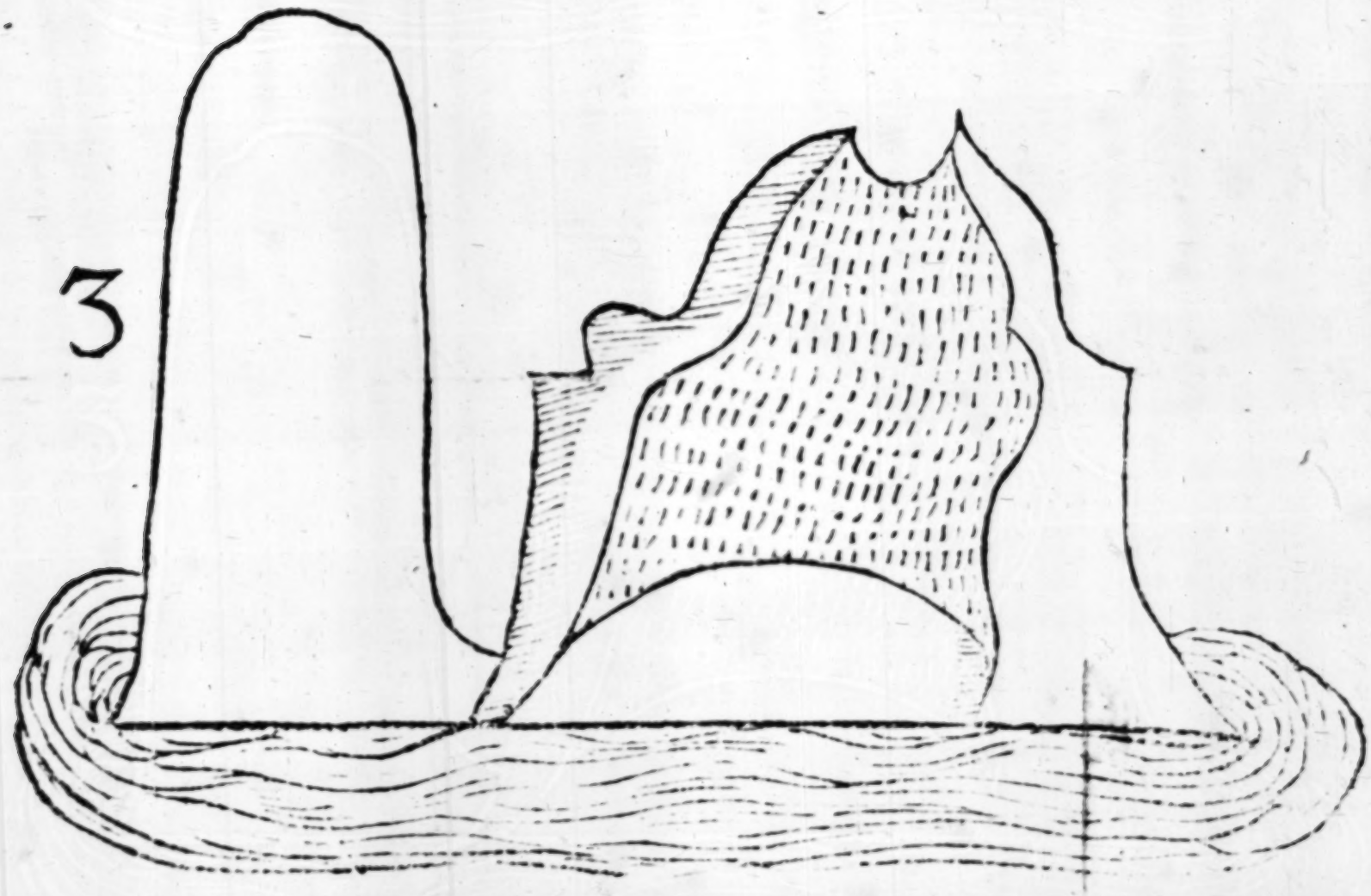
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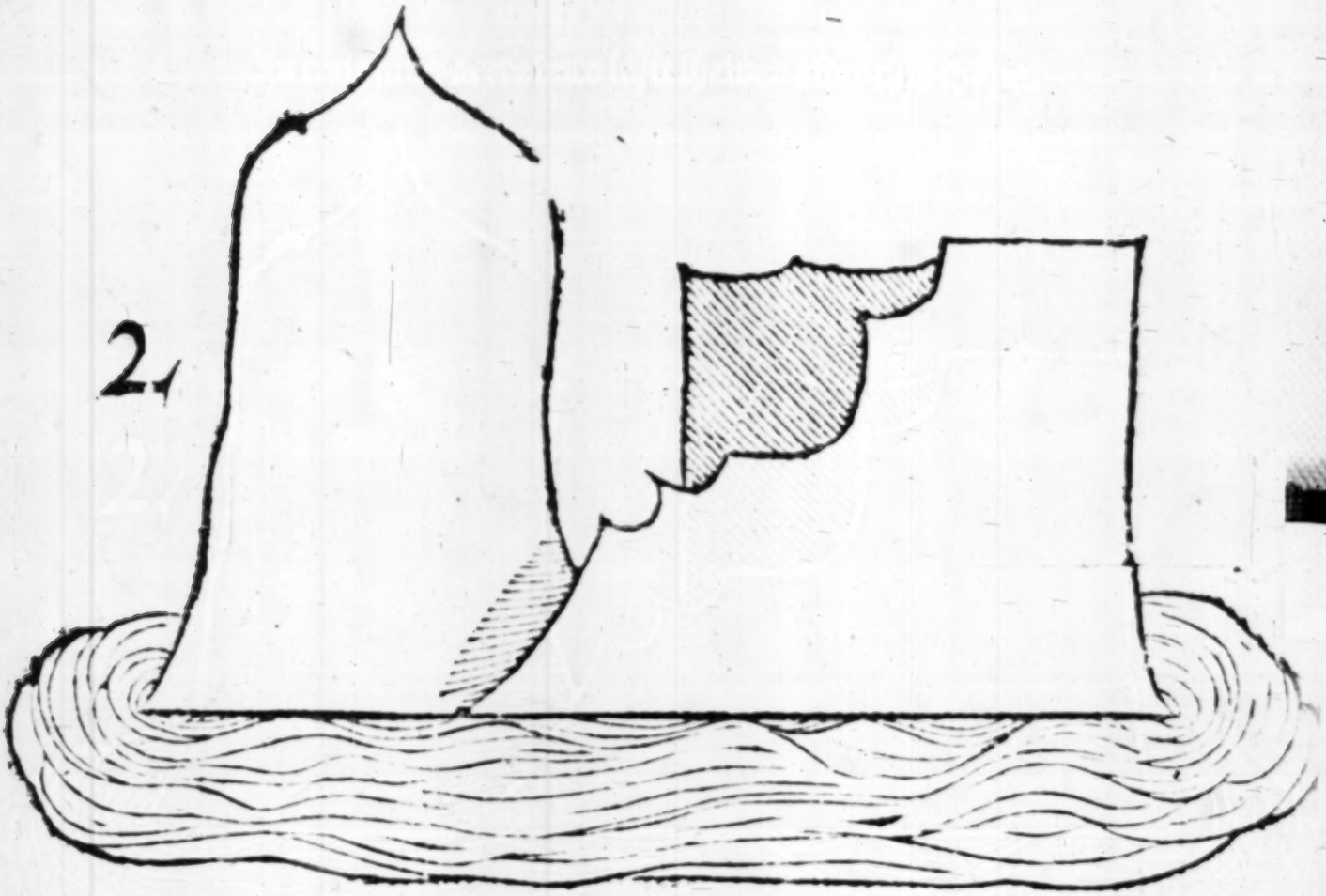


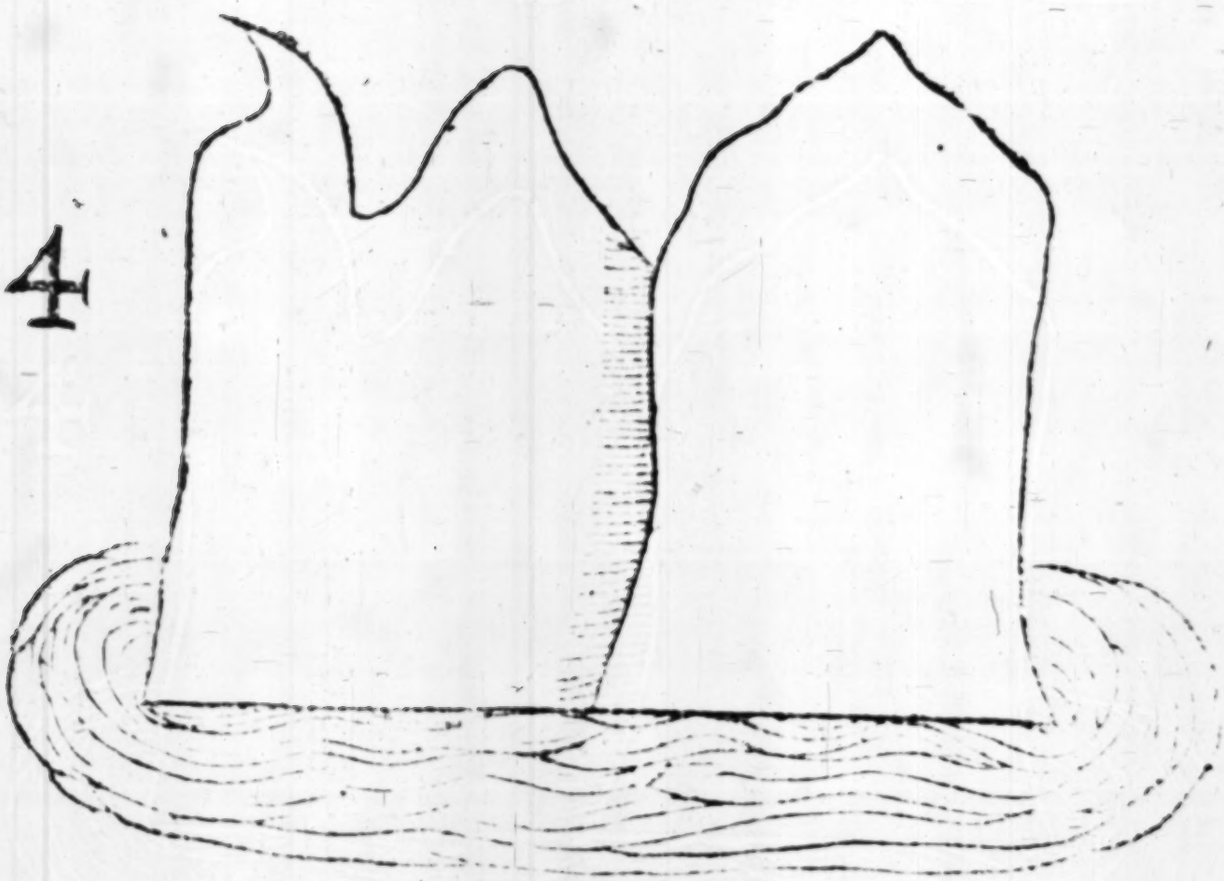

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# A true report of *the third and laſt* voyage into *Meta incognita*: atchieued by the *worthie Captèine, M. Martine Frobiſher Eſquire.* Anno. 1578.

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## *A rythme decasyllabicall, comparatiue, and congratulatorie.*

IN forreigne ſoile Vlyſſes lead his life,
Yeares foure times fiue, till glittering gray he grew:
Home when he came, Penelope his wife,
Her hoarie husband chaunged ſcarſely knew:
Nay, of his face and fauour taking view,
An alli n he appeared in her ſight,
Yet looke his Ladie long vppon her knight.

A toothleſſe curre, all ruggie and vnshorne,
Remembring well his Maſters friendly face,
Though twentie winters he abrode had worne,
He yawnes, he fawnes, he leapes from place to place,
(As free and frollicke as a hound in chace:)
With ſound n ioy ſurpriſde at his returne,
(Poore curre) a kindle of loue in him doeth burne.

A mumping nourſe, farre ſpent, all ſkinne and bone,
Suſpecting trulie the thing the dogge foretold,
Did watch a time to make the matter knowne,
If he Vlyſſes were, a Gray bea d old:
His feete to feele and finger (Beldam bold)
Shee did preſume, and knew her Maiſter ſo,
Euen by a wart which grewe vppon his toe.

O bliſſefull Brute, farre better be thy lucke,
The powers ſupernall proſper ſtill thy ſaile:
Of ſowre aſſaultes the ſweetneſſe who ſhould ſucke,
But he, whoſe paines in perill did prevaile?
Long laſt thy lucke, thy fortune neuer faile,
Not as Vlyſſes a eland vnknowne,
But Galiant like a riue among thine owne.

*Abraham Fleming.*

# The Preface.

FOR as muche (right noble & worthie Countrimen) as I am assured, that at this our safe arriuall and returning from the Northwest partes, nowe called by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, *Meta incognita*, and lately found out by the trauell and industrie of the right worthie & aduenturous Capteine, *Maister Martine Frobisher Esquire*, that you will be no lesse earnest and desirous, to learne & enquire, than attentiue to knowe and heare, as well of our trauelles, troubles, toyles, and daungers, as of our labours, aduentures, happes, and good successes, together with the prowesse and industrie, of our Generall, with

the residue of his companie, and also the order of our voyage, the commoditie of our Contrie, the fashion of the people, with the vse & orders of the same, with all others thinges thereto apperteining or belonging: then we will be readie and willing to declare and make manifest the same, with the circumstances vnto you.

I therefore, as one not of the best learned, or ablest: whose knowledge I confesse to be small, and of none accompt, in respect of others that were present: but as one most prone and willing to satisfie and answeare your desire and expectation, seeing that it is our chaunce and fortune, to be one of the first arriued, and hearing that those which landed before vs, haue hitherto sette forth nothing, whereby your serious affection might be satisfied, thought it not amisse, but rather meete and conuenient, with all expedition to accomplish the same, knowing, that the nature of man is always desirours of newes: although I know right well, that manie learned and skilfull Gentle-

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men were preſent in our companie, whoſe bookes, as well for eloquence, as ſound iudgement, I am not worthie to beare: yet becauſe I know not the time of their arriuall and returne, becauſe the Seas are various, the windes fickle, the tempeſtes rigorous, & the paſſage dangerous, that nothing can bee brought to effect, or done, before the appointed time aſſigned from the celeſtiall throne. And though perchance there be ſome men, that will ſay, my iudgement was to ſmall, and my learning to ſimple, to take in hand a matter of ſuch weight and importance: I will gene place and agree vnto them. For why? my ſimple wit and iudgement, cannot attaine and reache vnto the flowing ſtyle of graue *Plutarch*, nor yet the eloquence of the noble *Tullie*: I being a Sailer, more ſtudied and vſed in my Charde and Compaſſe, and other thinges belonging to Nauigation, than trayned vp in *Mineruas* Court, or taught by the ſage Philoſophers the fathers of eloquence, whoſe ſweete and ſacred ſappe I neuer ſucked. But yet, becauſe I knowe, that the

beſt part of men, will weigh my good will, rather than finde fault with my ſimple ſkill. For them, and not for the other, I thought good to take in hand to write theſe fewe lines, conteining in breefe the ſumme & effect of all the accidences and chances that happened and befell, from the beginning of this our voyage, (being nowe the thirde, that our worthie Generall hath made, vnto thoſe parts,) vnto this our arriuall againe in our natiue countrie.

*Thomas Ellis.*

# The third

## *and laſt voyage into* Meta Incognita.

THeſe are to let you knowe, that vpon the 25. of Iune, The Thomas Alline, being the Viceadmerall, whoſe Captein was M. Yorke, M. Gibbes Maiſter, Chriſtopher Hall Pilot, accompanied with the Reareadmerall named The Hopewell whoſe Captein was Maiſter Henrie Carewe, the Maiſter Andrew Dier, and certaine other ſhippes, came to Graues end, where we anchored & abode the comming of certaine other of our fleete, which were not yet come. *M. Yorke.* *Chriſtopher Hall.* *The Hopewell.* *Captein Carew.* *Andrew Dier.*

The 27. of the ſame Moneth, our fleete being nowe gone together, and all things preſt in a readineſſe, the winde fauouring, and

Tide serving, we being of sailes in number 8. waide anchors, and hoised our sailes toward Harwich, to meet with our Admerall, and the residue, which then and there abode our arriuall: where we safely arriued, the 28. thereof, finding there our Admerall, where we, with the discharge of certeine peeces, saluted (according to order and dutie) and were welcomed with the like courtesie: which being finished, we landed: where our Generall continued mustring his Souldiers and Miners, and setting thinges in order apperteining to the voyage, vntill the last of the saide Moneth of Maie, which day we hoised our sailes, and committing our selues to the conducting of almightie God, we set forward toward the West Countrie, in such luckie wise, and good successe, that by the 5. of June, we passed the Dursies, being the vtmost part of Ireland, to the Westward.

*Harwich.*

*Dursies.*

*Ireland.*

And here it were not much amisse, nor farre from our purpose, if I shoulde a little discourse and speake of our aduentures and chances by the way, at our landing at Plimmouth, as also the meeting of certeine poore men,

*Plimmouth.*

men, which were robbed and ſpoiled of all that they had, by Pirates and Rouers: amongſt whom was a man of Briſtowe, on whom our Generall vſed his liberalitie, and ſent him awaye with letters into England. *Briſtowe.* *England.*

But becauſe ſuch thinges are impertinent to the matter, I will returne (without any more mentioning of the ſame) to that, from the which I haue digreſſed, and ſwarued, I meane our ſhippes nowe ſailing on the ſourging ſeas, ſometime paſſing at pleaſure with a wiſhed Eaſterne winde, ſometime hindered of our courſe againe by the Weſterne blaſtes, vntill the 20. day of the foreſaid Moneth of June, on which day in the morning we fell with Frizeland, which is a very high and cragged land, & being almoſt cleane couered with ſnowe, ſo that we might ſee nought but the craggie rockes, and the toppes of high and huge hilles, ſometimes (and for the moſt part) all couered with foggie miſtes. There might we alſo perceiue the great Iſles of yce lying on the ſeas, like mountaines, ſome ſmall, ſome bigge, of ſundrie kindes of ſhapes, and ſuch a number of them, that we coulde not come neere the *Frizeland.*

shoare for them.

Thus sailing alongest the coast, at the last we sawe a place somewhat voyde of ice, where our Generall, (accompanied with certaine other) went a shoare, where they sawe certaine tentes made of beastes skinnes, and boates much like vnto theirs of *Meta incognita*. The tentes were furnished with flesh, fishe, skinnes, and other trifles: amongest the which was found a boxe of nailes: whereby we did coniecture, that they had either Artificers amongst them, or vse a traffick with some other nation. The men vanne away, so that we could haue no conferrence or communication with them.

*The courtesie of our Generall.*

Our Generall (because he would haue them no more to flee, but rather incouraged to stay through his courteous dealing) gaue commaundement, that his men should take nothing away with them, saving onely a couple of white Dogges, for which he left pinnes, pointes, knives, and other trifling thinges, and departed, without taking or hurting any thing, and so came a boord, and hoised sailes, and passed forwardes.

But beeing scarse out of the sight thereof,

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there fell ſuch a fogge and hidious miſt, that we coulde not ſee one another: wherupon we ſtroke our drummes, and ſounded our trumpets, to the ende we might keepe together: and ſo continued all that day and night, till the next day, that the miſt brake vp: ſo that we might eaſily perceiue all the ſhippes thus ſailing together all that day, vntill the next day, beirg the .22. of the ſame: on which day we ſawe an infinite number of yce, from the which we caſt about to ſhun the daunger thereof.

But one of our ſmall barkes, named The Michael, whoſe Captein was Maiſter Kinderſlie, the Maſter Bartholomew Bull, loſt our companie, inſomuche that we coulde not obteine the ſight of her many days after, of whom I purpoſe to ſpeake further anon, when occaſion ſhalbe miniſtred, and opportunitie ſerue. Thus we continued on our courſe, vntill the .2. of Julie, on which day we fell with The Queenes foreland, where we ſawe ſo much yce, that we thought it vnpoſſible to get into the Streightes: yet at the laſt we gaue the aduenture, and entered the yce.

*Maſter Kinderſlie.*

*Bartholomew Bull.*

Being

*The Michael.*
*The Iudith.*
*M. Fenton.*
*Charles Iackman.*

Being in amongſt it, we ſawe The Michael, of whom I ſpake before, accompanied with The Iudith, whoſe Captaine was Maiſter Fenton, the Maiſter Charles Iackman, bearing into the foreſaid yee, farre diſtant from vs, who in a ſtorme that fell that preſent night, (whereof I will at large, God willing, diſcourſe hereafter) were ſevered from vs, & being in, wandered vp and downe the Streightes, amongeſt the yce, many dayes, in great perill, till at the laſt, (by the prouidence of GOD) they came ſafely to harbour in their wiſhed port, in The Counteſſe of Warwickes ſound, the. 20. of Iulie aforeſaid, 10. dayes before any of the other ſhippes: who going on ſhoare found where the people of the Countrie had bene, and had hid their prouiſion in great heapes of ſtones, being both of fleſhe, and fiſhe, which they had killed: whereof we alſo found great ſtore in other places after our arriuall. They found alſo diuerſe engines: as bowes, ſlings, & dartes. They found likewiſe certeine peeces of the Pinneſſe which our Generall left there the yeare before, which Pinneſſe he had ſonke, minding to haue him againe the next yeare.

*The Counteſſe of Warwicks ſound.*

yeare.

Now, ſeeing I haue entreated ſo much of The Iudith, and The Michael: I will returne to the reſt of the other ſhippes, and will ſpeake a little of the ſtorme which fell, with the miſſehappes that we had, the night that we put into the yce: whereof I made mention before.

At the firſt entrie into the yce, in the mouth of the Streightes, our paſſage was very narrowe, and difficill: but being once gotten in, we had a faire open place without any yce, for the moſt part: being a league in compaſſe, the yce being round about vs, and incloſing vs, as it were within the pales of a Parke. In which place, (becauſe it was almoſt night) we minded to take in our ſailes, and lie a hull all that night. But the ſtorme ſo increaſed, and the waues began to mount aloft, which brought the yce ſo neere vs, and comming on ſo faſt vpon vs, that we were feigne to beare in and out, where we might eſpie an open place. Thus the yce comming on vs ſo faſt, we were in great danger, looking euerie houre for death. And thus paſſed we on in that great danger, ſeeing *Our entrance and paſſage, &c.*

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ing both our selues, and the rest of our ships so troubled and tossed amongst the yce, that it woulde make the strongest heart to relent.

*Barke Dionyse.*

At the last, the Barke Dionyse, being but a weake shippe, & byused afore amongst the yce, being so leake that she no longer could tarrie aboue the water, sanke without sauing any of the goodes which were within her: which sight so abashed the whole fleete, that we thought verily we should haue tasted of the same sauce. But neuertheless, we seeing them in such daunger, manned out boates, and saued all the men, in such wise, that not one perished, (God be thanked.)

The storme still increased, and the yce inclosed vs, that we were faine to take downe toppe and toppe masts: for the yce had so enuironed vs, that we could see neither land, nor Sea, as farre as we could kenne: so that we were faine to cutte our gables, to hang ouer boorde for fenders, somewhat to ease the shippes sides, from the great and vzierie strokes of the yce: some Capstan barres, some fending off with Dares, some with planckes of. 2. ynches thicke, which were broken

*Narowe shifts for safetie.*

broken immediatly with the force of the ſee, ſome going out vppon the ſee to beare it off with their ſhoulders from the ſhippes. But the rigorouſneſſe of the tempeſt was ſuche, and the force of the ſee ſo great, that not only they burſt and ſpoiled the foreſaid prouiſion: but likewiſe ſo raced the ſides of the ſhippes, that it was pitifull to behold, and cauſed the heartes of many to faint.

Thus continued we all that ſmall and lamentable night, plunged in this perplexitie, looking for inſtant death: but our God, (who neuer leaueth them deſtitute which faithfully call vpon him,) although he often punisheth, for amendments ſake, in the morning he cauſed the windes to ceaſe: and the fogge which all that night lay on the face of the water to cleare: ſo that we might perceiue, about a mile from vs, a certaine place cleare from any ſee, to the which with an eaſie breath of winde, which our God ſent vs, we bent our ſelues. And furthermore, he prouided better for vs than we deſerued, or hoped for: for when we were in the foreſaid cleare place, he ſent vs a freſh gale at Weſt, or at Weſt Southweſt, which ſet vs cleare

*Gods prouidence.*

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without all the yce. And further, he added more: for he sent vs so pleasant a day, as the like we had not of a long time before, as after punishment, consolation.

Thus we ioyfull wights, being at liberty, tooke in all our sailes, and lay a hull, praising God for our deliuerance: and staide to gather together our fleete, which once being done, we seeing that none of them had any great hurt, neither any of them wanted, sauing onely they of whom I spake before, & the shippe which was lost, then at the last we hoised our sailes, and lay bulting off and on, till such time as it would please God to take away the yce, that we might get into the Streights.

*A mountaine of yce appearing in sundrie figures.*

And as we thus lay off and on, we came by a maruellous huge mountaine of yce, which surpassed all the rest that euer we sawe: for we iudged him to be neere a foure score fadams aboue water, and we thought him to be a ground for any thing that we could perceiue, being there nine score fadams deepe, and of compasse about halfe a mile, of which Island I haue, as neere as I could, by vewe and here set downe the true proportion,

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*The people offer to traffick with vs.*

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Then we espying a faire sound, supposed it to go into the Streights, betweene The Queenes foreland, and Lackemans sound, which proued, as we imagined. For our Generall sent forth again The Gabriel, to discouer it, who passed through with much difficultie: for there ran such an extreme current of a Tide, with so horrible a gulfe, that with a fresh gale of winde they were scarse able to stemme it: yet at the length with great trauell they passed it, and came to the Streights, where they met with The Thomas Alline, The Thomas of Ipsewich, and the Busse of Bridgwater: who all together aduentured to beare into the Ice againe, to see if they could obtaine their wished port. But they were so encombred, that with much difficultie they were able to get out again, yet at the last they escaping, The Thomas Alline, and the Gabriel bare in with the Ice at Cumberthore, where they found harbour, and there moored their shippes, vntill the 4. of August, at which time they came to vs in The Conueyse of Warwik sound. The Thomas of Ipswich caught a great leake, which caused her to cast

againe to Sea boorde, and so was mended.

We sailed along still by the coast, vntill wee came againe to The Queenes foreland, at the point whereof we met with part of the gulfe aforesaid, which place or gulfe (as some of our Masters do credibly report) doeth flowe .9 houres, and ebbes but .3. At that point we discouered certeine lands Southwarde, to the which neither time nor opportunitie would serue to serch. Then being come to the mouth of the Streights, we met with the Anne Francis, who had laine bulting vp and downe euer since her departure alone, neuer finding any of her companie. Wee met then also The Francis of Foy, with whome againe wee intended to venter and get in: but the yce was yet so thicke, that we were compelled againe to retire and gett vs on Sea boord.

There fell also the same day, being the 26. day of Julie, such an horrible snowe, that it laye a foote thicke vpon the hatches, which frose as fast as it fell. *An horrible snowe fell in Julie.*

We had also at other times, diuers cruell stormes, both of snowe and haile, which manifestly declared the distemperature of the

Countrie: yet for all that, we were so many times repulsed and put backe from our purpose, knowing that long lingering delay was not profitable for vs, but hurtfull to our voyage, we mutually consented to our valiant Generall our againe, to geue the onset.

The 28. day therefore of the same Julie we assaid, and with little trouble (God be praised) we passed the dangers, by day light. Then night falling on the face of the earth, we hall in the cleare, till the cheerefull light of the day had chased away the wayloine darkenesse of the night: at which time we set forward towards our wished port: by the 30. day we obteined our expected desire, where we found The Iudith, and the Michael: which brought no small ioy vnto our Generall, and great consolation to the heauie heartes of those wearied wightes.

*The time of our setting forward, &c.*

The 30. day of Julie wee brought our shippes into The Countesse of Warwickes sounde, and moored them, namely these ships, The Admerall, The Reareadmerall, The Francis of Foy, The Beare, Armenell, The Salomon, & The Busse of Bridgwater

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which being done, our Generall commaunded vs all to come a ſhore, vpon The Counteſſe Iſland, where he ſet his miners to worke vpon the mine, geuing charge with expedition to diſpatche with their lading.

Our Generall himſelfe, accompanied with his Gentlemen, diuerſe times made rodes into ſundrie partes of the Countrie, as well to finde newe mines, as alſo to finde out and ſee the people of the Countrie. He found out one mine, vppon an Iſland by Beares ſound, and named it The Counteſſe of Suſſex Iſland. One other was founde in Winters Fornace, with diuers others, to which the ſhippes were ſent ſunderly, to be laden. In the ſame rodes he mette with diuerſe of the people of the Countrie, at ſundrie times, as once at a place called Dauids ſound, ſound: who ſhotte at our men, and very deſperately gaue them the onſet, being not aboue three or foure in number, there being of our Countrimen aboue a dozen: but ſeeing themſelues not able to preuaile, they tooke themſelues to flight: whom our men purſued, but being not vſed to ſuche craggie cliffes, they ſoone loſt the ſight of them, and ſo in

*The Counteſſe of Suſſex Iſland.*

*Winters Fornace.*

*Dauides ſound.*

haine returned.

*The policie of the people for safetie of themselues.*

We also sawe of them at Beares sounde, both by Sea and Land, in great companies: but they would at all times keepe the water betweene them and vs. And if any of our ships chaunced to bee in the sound, (as they came diuers times,) because the harbor was not verie good, the ship laded, and departed again then so long as any ships were in sight, the people would not be seene. But when as they perceiued the ships to be gone, they would not onely shew themselues standing vppon highe cliffes, and call vs to come ouer vnto them: but also would come in their botes, very neere to vs, as it were to bragge at vs: whereof our Generall hauing aduertisement, sent for the Captaines and Gentlemen of the shippes, to accompanie and attende vpon him, with the Captaine also of the Anne Francis, who was but the night before come vnto vs. For they, and The fleebote hauing lost vs the 26. day, in the great snowes, put into an harbour in the Queenes foreland, where they found good oare, wherwith they laded themselues, and came to seeke the Generall: so that nowe we had all our

our shippes, sauing one Barke, which was lost, and the Thomas of Ipsewiche, who compelled (by what furie I knowe not,) forsooke our companie, and returned home without lading.

Our Generall accompanied, with his Gentlemen, (of whom I spake) came altogether to The Countesse of Sussex Iland, neare to Beares sound: where he manned out certein Pinnisses, and went ouer to the people: who perceiuing his arriuall, fled away with all speede, and in hast left certeine dartes and other engines behind them, which we found: but the people we could not finde. *Their speedie flight at our Generalles arriuall.*

The next morning, our Generall perceiuing certeine of them in bote vppon the Sea, gaue chase to them, in a Pinnisse vnder saile, with a fresh gale of wind, but could by no meanes come neere vnto them: for the longer he sailed, the further off he was from them: which well shewed their cunning & actiuitie. Thus time wearing away, and the day of our departure approching, our Generall commanded to lade with all expedition, that we might be againe on Sea boord with our ship: for whilest we

were in the countrie, we were in continuall danger of frising in: for often times we had stormes and tempests, often snow and haile, often the water was so much frosen and congeled in the night, that in the morning we could scarse rowe our botes or Pinnisses, especially in Diers sound, which is a calme and still water: which caused our Generall to make the more haste, so that by the 30 day of August we were all laden; and made all thinges readie to depart.

*Gentlemen shoulde haue inhabited the Countrie.*

But before I proceed any further herein, to shewe what fortune befell at our departure, I will turne my penne a little to M. Capteine Fenton, and those Gentlemen, which should haue enhabited all the peare in those countries, whose baliant minds were much to be commended, that neither feare of force, nor the cruell nipping stormes of the raging winter, neither the intemperature of so unhealthsome a Countrie, neither the savagenesse of the people, neither the sight and shewe of suche and so many straunge Meteores, neither the desire to returne to their native soile, neither regarde of friendes,

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neither care of poſſeſſions and inheritances: finally, not the loue of life (a thing of all other moſt ſweete) neither the terrour of dreadfull death it ſelfe, might ſeeme to bee of ſufficient force, to withdraw their proneſſe, or to reſtraine from that purpoſe, thereby to haue profited their countrie: but that with moſt willing heartes, venturous mindes, ſtoute ſtomachs, & ſingular, manhod they were content there to haue tarried, and for the time (among a barbarous and vncluill people, Infidels and miſcreantes) to haue made their dwelling, not terrified with the manifolde and imminent daungers which they were like to runne into: & ſeeing before their eyes ſo many caſualties, whereto their life was obiect, the leaſt whereof would haue made a milkſoppe Therſites aſtoniſhed and vtterly diſcomfited: being I ſay thus minded and purpoſed, they deſerue ſpeciall commendation: For doubtleſſe, they had done as they intended, if lucke had not withſtood their willingneſſe, & if that fortune had not ſo frowned vpon their intentes.

*Deſerued praiſe and commendation.*

For the Barck Dionyſe, which was

loſt,

last, had in her much of their house, which was prepared and should haue bene builded for them, with many other implementes. Also The Thomas of Ipsewich, which had moste of their prouision in her, came not into the Streightes at all: neither did we see her, since the day we were separated in the great Snowe, (of which I spake before.) For these causes, hauing not their house, nor yet prouision, they were disapointed of their pretence to tarie, and therefore laded their shippes, and so came away with vs.

*An house erected and garnished with diuerse trinkets.*

But before we toke shipping, we builded a litle house in The Countesse of Warwickes Island, & garnished it with many kindes of trifles, as Pinyes, Pointes, Laces, Glasses, Kombes, Babes on horsebacke and on foote, with innumerable other such fansies & toyes: thereby to allure & entice the people to some familiaritie against other yeares.

Thus hauing finished all things, we departed the countrie, (as I said before:) but because The Busse had not lading enough in her, she put into Beares sound to take in a litle more. In the meane while, The Admerall, and the rest, without in the Sea, staied for her,

ber. And that night fell ſuch an outragious tempeſt, beating on our ſhipps, with ſuch vehement rigor, that anchor and gable auailed naught: for we were driuen on rockes and Iſlandes of yce, inſomuch that (had not the great goodneſſe of God bene miraculouſly ſhewed to vs,) we had bene caſt away euery man. This daunger was more doubtfull and terrible, than any that preceded or went before: for there was not any one ſhip, (I thinke) that eſcaped without damage. Some loſt anchor and alſo gables, ſome botes, ſome Pinniſſes: ſome anchor, gables, botes, and Pinniſſes.

*An outragious tempeſt.*

This boyſterous ſtorme ſo ſeuered vs, one from another, that one ſhip knewe not what was become of another. The Admerall knew not where to finde the Viceadmerall or Reareadmerall, or any other ſhippe of our companie. Our Generall being on lande in Beares ſounde, coulde not come to his ſhippe, but was compelled to goe a boorde the Gabriel, where he continued al the way homewarde: for the boyſterous blaſtes continued ſo extreamely and ſo long a time, that inforſed vs homewarde: (which was Gods fa-

*Our ſhippes ſeuered by a ſtorme.*

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wour towardes vs, ) will we, nill we, in ſuch haſt, as not any one of vs were able to keepe in companie of other, but were ſeparated. And if by chaunce, any one ſhippe did ouertake other, by ſwiftneſſe of Saile, or mette (as they often did:) yet was the rigour of the winde ſo hidious, that they could not continue companie togethet the ſpace of one whole night.

*Our entring the coaſtes daungerous.*

Thus our iourney outwarde was not ſo pleaſaunt, but our comming thither, entering the coaſtes and countrie, by narrowe ſtreightes, perilleus yce, and ſwift tides, our time of aboade there in ſnowe, and ſtormes, and our departure from thence, the 3. of Auguſt, with daungerous bluſtering windes and tempeſtes, whiche that nighe arole, was as vncomfortable: ſeparacing vs ſo, as we ſailed, that not any of vs mette together, vntill the 28. of September, whiche day we fell on The Engliſhe coaſtes, betweene Scylla and The landes ende, and paſſed the channell, vntill our arriuall, &c.

Thus hauing finiſhed my purpoſe, and performed my promiſe, I ende with theſe:

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rude lines, compiled with the ruſticall ſtyle of rurall God Pan, becauſe I want Apollos ſkill: neither haue I euer ſucked the ſugred ſappe of eloquence, truſting that euerie one, who is of good diſpoſition, will accept my willing hart, and not deſpiſe my ſimple ſkill. As for the other ſort of men, which haue bene foſtered in Momus ſchole by Maiſter Zoilus: I weigh them as they doe deſerue: and yeelding thankes to God, beſeech him (for Chriſt Ieſus ſake) to preſerue our noble Queene, and graunt her Neſtors long and happie yeares, with her noble Counſell, and Commons, in all her little Iſlandes: and to our Generall long life, good health, and fortunate ſucceſſe, in all his voyages, to the profite and commoditie of our native ſoile and Countrie.

Amen.

FINIS.

Thomas

## ¶ *Thomas Ellis in praise of* Maister Martine Frobisher.

If Grecians stoute did right extoll
their worthie wightes of fame,
And gaue to them great honours high,
which did deserue the same.
If they had cause for to advance,
Alcides for his might,
Which did subdue eache sturdie foe,
and monster fierce in fight:
Which brought from Hesperis Isle the
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Which glistered like to golde,
And did enriche his countrie soyle,
with heapes of golden mold.
Of it that they deservedly,
enrolle the valiant facties,
Of the adventurous Iason brave,
with all his noble actes:
And all his noble Knightlie troope,
from Colchis Isle, the which
Did bring away the golden fleece,
his Countrie to enriche.
If these (I say) with flickering fame,
were lift to loftie skie,
That euen till now in these our dayes,
their fame a fresh doth flie:

With

Why ſhould not then our Frobiſher,
who farre doeth them ſurmount,
With golden trumpe of thundering fame,
be had in like account:
His heart as valiant is, as theirs:
his hazardes, were more harde:
His good ſucceſſe, doth theirs ſurpaſſe:
if they be well compарde.
The glittering fleece that he doth bring,
in value ſure is more,
Than Iaſons was, or Alcides fruite,
whereof was made ſuche store:
And cruell monſters he doeth tame,
and men of ſauage kinde,
And ſearcheth out the ſwelling Seas,
and countries ſtraunge doth finde:
And bringes home treaſure to his lande,
and doth enrich the ſame,
And courage geues to noble heartes,
to ſeeke for flight of fame.
Giue place, therefore, you Græcians now,
and to me geue aſſent:
This worthie wight excelles your impes,
the which before him went.

*Thomas Ellis.*

# *Iohn Stanley to his friend*
## Thomas Ellis.

My friend, I haue your booke perusde,
and well haue waide your paine:
Wherein you haue no toyle refusde,
the voyage to make plaine,
That Frobisher hath finished,
who well deserues to bee
Amongst the best canonized,
that euer knight may see.
He doeth the Trumpe of Fame obtaine,
and shall [illegible] all his daies:
And you for taking of this paine,
do merite to haue praise.
You needs not feare the flattering traine,
of craftie Sycophant,
Nor yet the enuious carping tongues.
which Zoilus schole doe haunt.
No Momus can your booke controll,
wherein is nought containd,
Saue only trueth, and trauelles, which
in voyage were sustaind.
As for your style, if any one,
a fault therewith doe find,
Let him goe mend it, if he can,

or breath his venomous winde.
Or elſe I ſay (as once was ſaid,)
vnto a clowting ſotte,
Which ſought a fault in image braue,
Apelles came to blotte:
Thou ſowter vile, why medleſt thou,
where thou haſt nought to doe:
Thy only charge to ſhoes belongs,
paſſe not therefore the ſhoe.
And thus (my friend) I make an end,
accept my willing mind,
And eke good will, though want of ſkill,
in this my verſe you finde.

*Iohn Stanley.*

## *Iohn Kirkham in the praiſe of M. Martine Frobiſher.*

YOu Muſes guide my quiuering quill,
Calliope draw neare,
Sicilian Nymphes accord my ſute,
and to my beſtes giue eare:
Your ſacred aide, a while I craue,
my ſhiuering ſenſe to ſtay,

Such haught exployts I take in hand,
that men to me may say,
Thy ragged rimes, and rurall verse,
can not ascend so hie:
To touche the top of Martines praise,
which fleeth to highest skie.
Where whirling spheres doe it resound,
and bewishe starres containe,
With thundring trumpe of golden fame,
in azure aire so plaine:
Whose hautie acts not heauens alone,
contented are to haue,
But earth, and skies, the sourging seas,
and Syluane Eechos braue,
Do all resound with tuned string
of siluer harmonie,
How Frobisher, in euery coast,
with flickering fame doth flie,
A Martiall Knight, aduenturous,
whose valure great was such,
That hazardes hard he light esteemd,
his countrie to inrich.
No chaunces dire could him dismay,
no doubt could daunt his hart,
No peruerse haps could force him feare,
nor yet his minde reuart.

The

He ſhund no tedious trauelles hard,
but toild with troublous paine,
Till he the way to golden Fleece,
to Brittane had made plaine:
A Fleece in value that exceedes,
the Fleece of Colchis ground,
Or golden fruite of Heſperis land,
Which Hercules out found.
Though Perſeus ſteut from Indians blacke
a conqueſt braue did bring,
Yet well he may to Frobiſher,
giue place in euerie thing.
Though Iaſon ſauage bulles did tame,
and Alcide monſters ſlew,
Yet now they muſt of right geue place,
and venture forth a new,
If that they will obteine the branche,
and twiſt of Oliue tree,
For all thats paſt, for to geue place,
to Frobiſher we ſee.
He monſters fierce hath brought to wracke,
and ſauage men doth tame,
And ſeekes to bring them to the trueth,
if Fates permit the ſame.
His toyſome trauelles nought he weighes,
his life he light eſteemd,

To

To doe his native countrie good,
as by his ventures seemd.
He entred not to knowen coastes,
nor landes devoide of feare,
Nor ciuill realmes he seemd to touch,
nor to his Countrie neare.
To vncoth coastes his steppes he bent,
and places distant farre,
Euen to the colde congealed Pole,
and Northerne frosen starre:
Where Boreas boysterous blasts still blow,
and nipping Saturne colde,
With fleeting snowes and hoarie frostes,
his mansion house doeth holde.
Where rigorous stormes do alwaies beate
in fearce and cruell wise,
And heape vp mightie mountaines huge,
of colde congealed yce:
Where dreadfull daungers are not scarce,
where pleasures few are found,
Where sauage beastes deuoyde of sense,
doe runne like men on ground.
Where neither Iason, Hercules,
nor Perseus hautie grace,
Durst euer once attempt to seeke,
or come in any case:

But

But this our Knight which feard no force,
Whose fame can neuer die,
Though that his spirites shall perce at last,
the loftiest place in skie.
An Hector stoute he is on land,
Vlysses on the seas,
Whose painfull pilgrimage hath brought,
vnto his countrie ease.
The noble heartes that went with him,
are likewise to be praisd,
Whose hautie courage to the heauens,
the shrilling trumpe is raisde.
But for because my barraine Muse,
In drousie dregges is drownd,
Of foggie mistes of ignorance,
wherein no sense is found:
Which neuer climb Olympus cleere,
nor sawe Parnassus hill,
Nor learnd yet of the Muses nine,
the sweete and sacred skill.
I will no further striue to swim,
against the waues that wend:
Nor yet to climbe the hautie cliffes,
Where I can not ascend:
Nor scarce the lerned Nymphs themselues,
which Ida mount do bewe,

Nor

Nor all the welles of Hellicon,
his prayſe at large can shewe.

*The Authour to the Reader.*

WHat so you be that do peruſe,
this little booke of mine,
Looke not to heare the dulcet tunes,
of sacred Muſes nine:
Nor yet to vew graue Tullies phrase,
nor Plutarches flowing style:
Who so pretendes assuredly,
he shall himselfe beguile.
For why? I neither can, nor meane,
such thinges to enterprise,
But voyage last of Frobisher,
to shew I doe deuise:
Whose prayſe my pen can not depaint,
nor simple sense forth tell,
Nor scarsly those that haue ben trainde,
about Mineruas well.

*Thomas Ellis.*

FINIS.